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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoji ISHIDA, et al.

Serial No. 09/337,737

Group Art Unit: 2164

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For: ELECTRONIC CASHING CARD SETTLEMENT SYSTEM

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 11, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on July 11, 2002. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by July 11, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 10, with the following paragraph:

--The personal authentication money processing area 13 includes a disbursement content history area 13a for storing as history data as disbursement content, obtained by executing the settlement process, for an amount of sales by the personal authentication money processing. The history (i.e., disbursement) data is stored in the data format illustrated in FIG. 3A. A balance area 13b stores an authentication balance amount to be used by the personal authentication money processing after the settlement process for amount of sales is executed.

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